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program and I talked about it and do you know I had some people who called me and they wanted one, maybe for a gimmick, but they might not have been sure that there wasn't something to this. People are so gullible. There are nurses, there are nursing programs which deal in this thing of not touching people. But you magically move your hands above and around people so that you can deal with the power sources, the energy fields. And if you manipulate your hands just right...

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...it's like these instruments which you don't touch but you move your hands close to them and you can generate a tone, a musical tone. And I think it is not good...I'll speak only one more time...for the public to be suckered into believing that every cock and bull patent medicine bit of quackery is something endorsed by and approved by the state. What we need to start putting on these bills is what television stations put on these so-called informercials. There is nothing about this program that the Legislature is endorsing or vouching for, and if such be the case, we should not enact a law allowing it to take place and have the status of a legitimate operation.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Time. Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I don't plan to take a tremendous amount of time. I appreciate Senator Hudkins putting on one of the amendments, but I will tell you that in the future I think this raises a much larger issue. Physicians, chiropractors can do acupuncture without having any licensing or training in this area, and I think that ought to tell you something that this is really an unregulated area. I know that Senator Hudkins made some...oh, I don't want to say...promises are too strong, but I think she made some assurances to the chiropractors and so on that she wasn't going to make major changes in their licensing and how they did their business with acupuncture through this bill, and I respect that she made those assurances. I would tell the body that I think they need to seriously look at who these people